

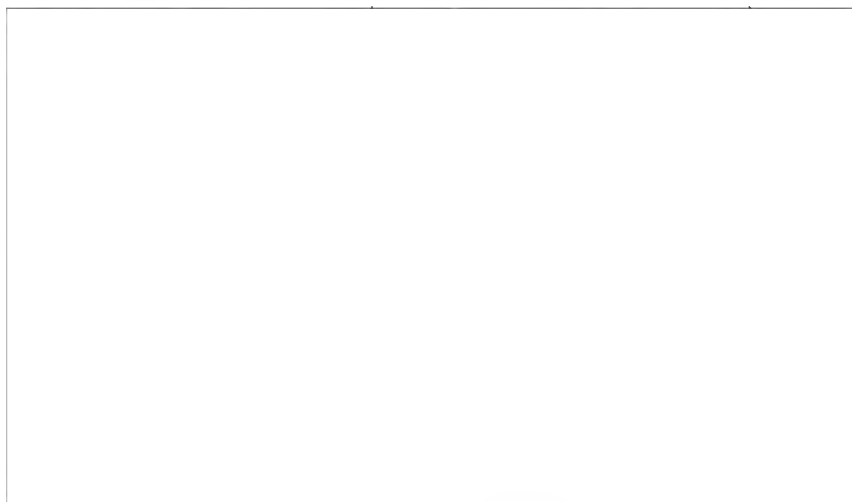
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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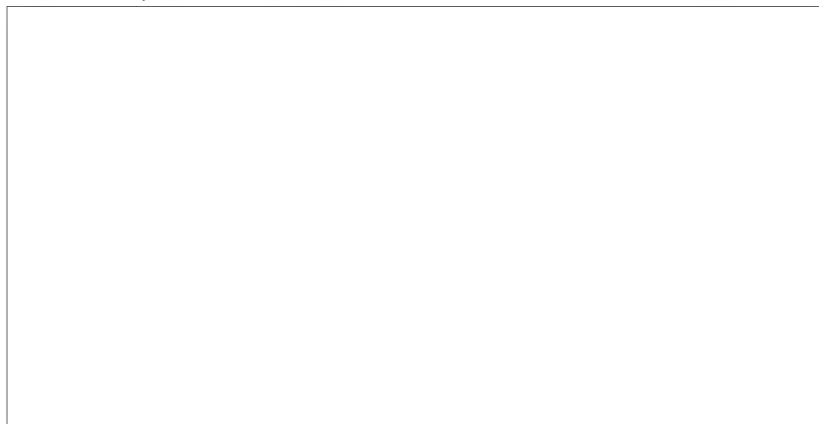
1. Cuba

a. Yesterday's photography showed assembly work proceeding on the IL-28s at San Julian; six are completely assembled. The nine IL-28s at Holguin remain in their crates.



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d. Sunday's photography detected a fifth coastal defense cruise-missile site west of Mariel.



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2. Cuba-USSR

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b. Mikoyan finally emerged in public at Havana University last night. There he gave out a broad-brush statement reiterating Soviet support for the Cuban regime, and describing Castro's five demands as a "program for peace in the Caribbean."

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c. Correspondents in Havana are being told that Mikoyan will be in town for the rest of this week.

d. We have reason to believe that the Cuban UN representative had a long huddle with Kuznetsov yesterday.

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e. Under Secretary Gilpatric apparently touched a sensitive Soviet nerve or two in his TV appearance on Sunday.

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f. Moscow's propagandists, who seldom need a verification text to go on, are expressing "regret" over the program, alleging it is an indication the US may "heat up the situation once more."

g. With the USSR's missiles heading home, Soviet propagandists are also once again playing up the theme that their side has done its part, and that it is now up to the US to keep its end of the bargain.

h. All this is mild compared to Chinese Communist outpourings. Peiping is now blasting away at those "Titoists" (pro-Khrushchevites in the Chinese lexicon) who are crowing over the "triumph of wisdom and peace" in the Cuban affair.

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3. Cuba-Latin
America

a. We have indications []
[] that Brazil, as part of
its proposal for a denuclearized
Latin America, is sounding out other
Latin American countries on the idea
of letting a "neutralized" Cuba back
into the OAS. From what we have seen,
the reaction is negative. []

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b. Ydigoras announced on Saturday
that he would recognize and keep a
Cuban "government in exile" if Castro
did not immediately expel ex-president
Arbenz from Cuba. There are exiles
hanging around in Guatemala who could
play the part.

c. The Chilean government has
decided not to break relations with
Cuba, despite strong domestic pressure
for such a move.

d. In Peru yesterday, stones and
Molotov cocktails were thrown at a
Lima TV station, presumably in protest
against its showing a USIA film on
Cuba. Only minor damage was done.

4. Yemen

a. More trouble is stirring for
the republican regime.

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b. Yesterday's news that Sana's police and soldiers are feuding in the south is followed by word that more tribes, unfurling royalist banners, have risen in revolt. Some of these are southern tribes; others, closer to the government's home base, are operating in the mountains 30 miles northwest of Sana.

c. As of Friday, UAR aircraft were keeping up their bombing attacks against the royalists in the north.

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h. In Cairo, Nasir has raised the ante for withdrawing his military forces in Yemen. He has indicated that an end of Saudi and Jordanian support for the royalists is not enough.

i. That is prerequisite, he asserts, but so also is an end to "infiltration from Bayhan" (a reference to Aden), Badr's going into exile, and Saudi recognition of the republican order of things.

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[REDACTED] A late press report from Cairo says that four Jordanian Hawker Hunters defected this morning. We can confirm that at least two did.

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k. Perhaps playing tit-for-tat, Amman is claiming that the Egyptian consul general in Addis Ababa has come over to its side.

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5. Congo

a. Saturday's bombing of Congolese troops in north Katanga has touched off a bitter exchange of charges and counter-charges between Leopoldville, Elisabethville and the UN.

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b. Tshombé flatly denies his planes have done any bombing. The charge, he says, is a "program of psychological preparation" dreamed up by the UN to justify a "fresh offensive."

c. Fighting on the ground, sharpened in recent days, seems as indecisive as ever.

d. At Kongolo, five battalions of Mobutu's finest have Tshombé's garrison surrounded and outnumbered three to one, but after more than a week of trying, have not been able to deliver the coup de grace. It may be that the recent bombings have chilled the Congolese off for awhile.

e. While the bombing seems to have stopped, we have some evidence that Katanga planes are flying men and supplies into Kongolo.

f. Adoula needs to win the Kongolo battle soon if he is to keep the back seat drivers in parliament quiet.

g. Meanwhile, reports indicate that Elisabethville, anticipating some sort of a UN military initiative in the Jadotville-Kolwezi area, is reinforcing its positions in those towns by sending in more combat troops [redacted]

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h. Our Elisabethville consulate has sent in a word of caution to go slow on accepting predictions (bandied about in UN circles in recent days) that Katangan forces will cave in the moment the UN flexes its muscles.

6. India

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a. Now that Krishna Menon has been retired to the sidelines, we expect Nehru to reshuffle his cabinet with an eye to straightening out India's defense setup.

b. The man most likely to take the defense ministry is Y. B. Chavan, a tough Bombay politician. His previous performance as chief minister of one of India's state governments suggests he has the ability to get the department untangled.

c. It also looks as though Nehru is planning to establish a new, powerful ministry of supply. One of its functions will be to put some steam into India's defense production operation.

d. There is a good chance that Menon is about to lose another job. Nehru told newsmen yesterday he was "not dead sure," but he doubted Menon would be returning to New York to head up the Indian delegation at the UN.

7. Laos

a. According to one of his advisers, Souvanna started drafting his letter of resignation on Friday. He is said to be ready to hand it in momentarily after giving Souphannouvong one last chance to cooperate.

b. Our Vientiane embassy, inclined to believe this, comments that it sees no indication that either the left or the right can be induced to take actions required to prevent the fall of the government in the near future.

c. Phoumi, meanwhile, has called his generals into conference in Vientiane to work out what to do next. We do not know what they have in mind, but there is a feeling in the air that from now on it will be every man for himself.

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- B. Cuba Shipping As expected, a conference of Western shipowners meeting in London turned down a resolution that they voluntarily take their ships out of the Cuban trade.